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SUBJECT: (C/NF) KUDOS FOR TIMELY BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING ON

FCO MINISTER IVAN LEWIS (C-RE9-01798)

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11. (C/NF) WASHINGTON ANALYSTS APPRECIATE THE EXCELLENT BACKGROUND AND BIOGRAPHIC REPORTING ON RECENTLY APPOINTED FCO MINISTER IVAN LEWIS. REFTEL REGARDING LEWIS' BULLYING, POSSIBLE DEPRESSION AND SCANDALS, AS WELL AS COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF HIS MARRIAGE AND HOW THE JEWISH COMMUNITY SAW HIS APPOINTMENT ARE PARTICULARLY INSIGHTFUL AND TIMELY. WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, ESPECIALLY REGARDING HOW LEWIS WORKS WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MILIBAND AND THE FCO STAFF, ASSESSMENTS OF LEWIS' PERFORMANCE IN OFFICE, AND INFORMATION ON HIS POLITICAL GOALS, AS TIME AND RESOURCES PERMIT. MANY THANKS.

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